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To whom it may concern:

I feel that the proposed resolution was not properly worked out to the benefit of the American public. The proposed resolution was reached quickly under the guise of Sept. 11. It was claimed that a quick resolution to this case would benefit the economy and the public. While in the very short term, this might have some validity, it seems that the long term needs more consideration.

Doesn't the release of Windows XP prove that Microsoft isn't going to change? They continue to "integrate" things into the OS so that alternatives are not available, and they continue to pressure vendors, so that alternative OSs are not available. While I feel that Microsoft has the privilege to include any software in the package that they wish to include, they should not be "integrating" everything into the OS.

I also believe that parts of the proposed resolution might be good. Microsoft providing references to file formats, etc would be a good thing as standards and inter-operability of systems would be a good thing. However forcing everyone into a single mold isn't good for anyone. Why should I be "forced" into the Windows XP mold like the rest of the world? Maybe it doesn't fit my needs. Free markets are founded on choice and I have not choice right now, I don't have a choice because the major vendors can't sell a computer with a Microsoft OS already installed. I have no choice, I must pay for it whether I use it or not. This would be like paying Chrysler before you can drive your Lincoln car.

Please reconsider and withdraw this proposed resolution and spend a little more time helping the consumers and the economy, instead of caving in to what is good the Microsoft and is quick.